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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 432 (Hammerstrom)

SB 432 goes beyond the requirements in the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). It would place the onus on the voter to prove that she or he should be allowed to vote versus the government proving that they should not be allowed to vote.

- Immediate Effect was given to SB 432 [RC 210: 31 yes, 6 no].

SB 612 (Toy)

SB 612 would allow an electric utility company to offer its customers an Appliance Service Program.

Support: Consumers Energy Co., DTE, MMA, Union Local 799C (Mich. Con), AARP, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, multiple individual ASP customers, multiple independent HVAC Contractors, MSUWC, ICW Local 70c (Mich. Con), UWUA Local. 223 (Mich. Con), Mich. Con Local 132, Michigan Electric Co-op Association.

Oppose: SBAM, MI Propane Gas Assoc., MAFC, multiple independent HVAC contractors, MI Assoc. of Homebuilders, MI Assoc.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 612 [RC 212: 33 yes, 4 no (GOP)].

SB 824 (Allen)

SB 824 would amend the Michigan Economic Growth Authority Act to address: 1) employee leasing companies and professional employer organizations; 2) multi-site firms; and 3) the definition of high-technology businesses.

Oppose: MI AFL-CIO.

3/31:

- *SCHAUER 1 (4 amends) was defeated [RC].*
- *Cropsey 2 (S-10) was adopted [no RC].*
- *Sikkema 2A (2 amends) was adopted [no RC].*
- *Sikkema 2B (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].*

- *Sikkema 2C (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].*
- *The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 824, as amended by the Senate [RC 202: 36 yes, 0 no].*

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- The concurrence vote for SB 824 was reconsidered [no RC].
- Cropsey 2 (S-10) was reconsidered.
- Sikkema 2B was reconsidered and defeated [no RC].
- Cropsey 2 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- Cropsey 2D (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- Cropsey 2E (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- Cropsey 2 (S-10) was adopted.
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 824, as amended by the Senate [RC 2: 36 yes, 0 no].

SB 990 (Bishop)

SB 990 would amend “tolling” of statute of limitations to provide that a civil case would comply with the statute of limitations once the complaint is filed with the court as opposed to the time period continuing to run until the defendant was served. The copy of the summons and complaint would be served upon the defendant within the time set for in the current court rules.

Support: The Michigan Trail Lawyers Association.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 990 [RC 211: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 1018 (EMERSON)

SB 1018 would transfer the responsibility for the administration of the driver education program from the Department of Education to the Department of State.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 1018 [RC 213: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1100 (Allen)

The bill was introduced for the Kingsley schools in Senator Allen’s district. The roof of their high school collapsed and so they are currently holding classes at several different locations. The bill specifically allows an additional 20 hours of leeway for the district to meet the instructional time requirements in law. Without this language, the school district could be subject to state aid penalties. The committee adopted an amendment that beginning next year, any district could be eligible for up to 30 hours of instructional hours missed after April 1 because of unusual and extenuating circumstances out of the control of the district.

- SB 1100 passed [RC 209: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4472 (LIPSEY)

House Bill 4472 would allow the governing body of a local tax collecting unit to adopt a resolution exempting from the collection of taxes all new personal property owned or leased by eligible pharmaceutical companies located in that local tax collecting unit. This would apply 18 months after bill took effect.

12/2:

- *Allen 1 (2 amends) was adopted [no RC].*
- *HB 4472 was moved to 3rd Reading.*

12/3:

- *HB 4472 passed with IE [RC 574: 37 yes, 0 no].*

4/1:

- *Cropsey 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].*
- *HB 4472 was moved back to 3rd Reading.*
- *HB 4472 passed with IE [RC 215: 38 yes, 0 no].*

HB 4929 (Ward)

HB 4929 would require a person responsible for a sewer system to report all untreated or partially treated sewage discharges to the DEQ, the local health department, a daily newspaper where the municipality is located, and a daily newspaper where the discharge is located.

Support: DEQ, MI Environmental Council, MI Municipal League, MI Township Association.

- *HB 4929 passed with IE [RC 204: 37 yes, 0 no].*

HB 5087 (Shulman)

HB 5087 would allow possession and use of an epinephrine auto-injector or epinephrine inhaler to treat anaphylaxis in public and nonpublic schools. The epinephrine auto-injector or inhaler would be allowed at school, on school-sponsored transportation or at any activity, event or program sponsored by the school. The regulation would be the same as is currently in statute for asthma inhalers. The substitute reported by the committee requires that a written emergency care plan that includes specific instructions for the pupil's needs.

Support: Department of Education, American Red Cross, MI Council for Maternal and Child Health, UM Food Allergy Service, MI Association of School Nurses, Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network.

- *HB 5087 passed with IE [RC 208: 38 yes, 0 no].*

HB 5200 (Richardville)

House Bill 5200 establishes October 18, 2003 (his birthday) as Willie Horton day in the state of Michigan. The originally introduced House bill had established October 28th of every year to be Willie Horton day but was substituted to make the law effective for only 2003 in order to make passage of the bill more likely.

- *HB 5200 passed with IE [RC 205: 38 yes, 0 no].*

HB 5365 (Howell)

House Bill 5365 would repeal an outdated law (from 1905) which requires that all officers, appointees, and servants elected by the board of supervisors of Saginaw County be elected by voice vote.

- **HB 5365 passed with IE [RC 206: 38 yes, 0 no].**

HB 5641 (Palsrok)

HB 5641 would bring an outdated statute into compliance with current practice and statute law. The state statute that governs the relocation of a county's seat of government is more than 150-years old, and three of its provisions no longer align with current practices. The law is out-of-date with regard to: 1) the recently enacted election consolidation laws, 2) its requirement that the "county board of supervisors" (rather than the county board of commissioners) approve the relocation of a county seat, and 3) its requirement that the citizens vote on the proposal to relocate the county seat at the "annual township meeting," a form of government that was discontinued by most counties in the early 1960s.

Support: Michigan Association of Counties.

- **HB 5641 passed with IE [RC 207: 38 yes, 0 no].**

RESOLUTIONS

SCR 42 (Hammerstrom)

SCR 42 sets the Senate schedule for the next two weeks (spring break).

- **SCR 42 was adopted [no RC].**